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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT, on January 6, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)

Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

Rep. Paul Clark (D)

Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)

Rep. George Everett (R)

Rep. Tom Facey (D)

Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)

Rep. Steven Gallus (D)

Rep. Carol Gibson (D)

Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)

Rep. Larry Jent (D)

Rep. Bob Lake (R)

Rep. Larry Lehman (R)

Rep. Don Roberts (R)

Rep. Allen Rome (R)

Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Rep. Pat Wagman (R)

Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary

Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

This organizational meeting was held to set out the daily operating terms of the committee.

EXHIBIT (fih01a01)

Chairman Balyeat explained that those interested in the committee were not usually Democrats or Republicans but one of five special interests: sportsmen, landowners, outfitters, animal rights activists, and agency professionals. He noted that it is crucial to get three out of those five groups to come together to successfully work through a bill.

Legislators introduced themselves and explained their interest in the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee.

Committee members agreed to contribute \$5 each for afternoon snacks.

Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary, and Doug Sternberg, Legislative Staff, briefly explained their functions.

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| Adjournment: | 3:37 P.M. | |
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| | | REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman |
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| | | KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary |

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